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FM THE SITUATION ROOM TOHAK40

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O 210005Z OCT 73
FM [25x1]
TO RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC
RUSNAAA/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER
INFO RUESKO/USDAO AMMAN JORDAN
RUESBE/USDAO/BEIRUT LEB
RUESDR/USINT CAIRO EGYPT
RUESJR/AMCONSUL JERUSALEM
RUEHDT/USMISSION USUN NY
RUENAAA/CNO WASHDC
RUEFHQA/CSAF WASHDC
RUEADWD/DA WASHDC
RUFLBBA/CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GER
RUDONBA/CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON ENG
RUFDAAA/CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GER
RUQMFM/COMSIXTHFLT
RUEADWW/WHITE HOUSE SIT ROOM WASHDC
S E C R E T NO FOREIGN DISSEM 1856 OCT 73,
SUBJ: SITUATION UPDATE EGYPTIAN FRONT 20 OCT 73 (U)
1, (SNFD) [25x1] BRFD ON CURRENT SIT BY COL REUTER AT 20/2145Z OCT 73, CONDITIONS SEEM TO BE FAIRLY STATIC IN NORTH & CENTRAL SECTORS OF IDF TAKS FORCE AREA, WHILE SOUTHERN PORTION IS STILL FAIRLY ACTIVE.
2, (SNFD) AFTER ROLLING OVER THE 4TH ARMD DIV HQ

******* WHSR COMMENTS *******

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(REPORTED EARLIER) MG ADANIS BDE BYPASSED.
THE 4TH'S TWO REMAINING ARMD BDES ON THE EAST AND
IS PUSHING SOUTH ALONG CANAL TOWARD SUEZ CITY, DRIVING
WEDGE BETWEEN 4TH DIV TO WEST AND 3RD ARMY UNITS ON
EAST BANK, IDF BRIDGEHEAD HAS BEEN EXPANDED
SOUTHWARD TO SOUTHERN TIP OF GREAT BITTER LAKE, IDF
IS ON W. BANK OF CANAL JUST SOUTH OF LAKE AND IDF TANKS
ON EGYPTIAN BUILT RAMPARTS ARE FIRING AT 3RD ARMY UNITS
ON EAST BANK.
3. (SNFD) OTHER IDF ELEMENTS (PRESUMABLY ALSO FROM
ADANIS BDE) ARE PUSHING TOWARD 3RD ARMY HQ. NEAR JEBEL
JAFRA.
4. (SNFD) IDF CALIMS 4 SAM SITES DESTROYED IN AREA SOUTH
OF WAIST OF GREAT BITTER LAKE, REUTER SAID THERE ARE
STILL SOME SAM SITES LEFT ON WEST BANK OF CANAL BETWEEN
LAKE AND SUEZ CITY.
5. (SNFD) DESPITE EARLIER SUGGESTIONS THAT EGYPTIAN
FORCES MAY HAVE BEEN ON VERGE OF RUNNING, REUTER NOW
STATES THAT RUNNING HAS NOT YET BEGUN, MOST EGY UNITS
HOLDING FAST - SOME ARE, OF COURSE, MORE RESOLUTE THAN
OTHERS.
6. (SNFD) REUTER ESTIMATES TOTAL EGY TANK STRENGTH
ON BOTH SIDES OF CANAL AT APPROX 500. HE CITES THE TWO
BDES OF 9TH ARMD DIV AS ONLY MAJOR EFFECTIVE
EGY FIGHTING UNITS LEFT ON WEST BANK, EGY UP ON EAST
BANK GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
A. PORT FUAD TO QANTARA - ONE INDEP INF BDE AND
ONE ARMD BN.
B. QANTARA TO ISMAILIA - 2ND & 18TH INF DIVS
C. BETWEEN ISMAILIA AND IDF BRIDGEHEAD - REMAINING
ELEMENTS OF 16TH INF DIV AND 21ST ARMD DIV.
D. BETWEEN SOUTH END OF GREAT BITTER LAKE AND
SUEZ CITY - 7TH AND 19TH INF DIVS.
7. (SNFD) AIR ACTIVITY. IN ADDITION TO F-4 LOSS REPORTED
EARLIER, IAF LOST ONE MORE F-4 (TO SAM) AND 1 MIRAGE
(TO UNK CAUSE) THIS AFT. CREWS BAILED OUT OVER ISRAEL
HELD TERRITORY.
8. (SNFD) IAF LAUNCHED ADDITIONAL ATTACKS AGAINST PORT
SAID AND ALSO AGAINST QANTARA. CREWS REPORTED EGY
TANKS DESTROYED VICINITY QANTARA.
9. (SNFD) EAF MOUNTED MAJOR ATTACK AGAINST ISR BRIDGES
WITH ATT FORCE OF 12 SU-7'S (WITH TOP COVER OF 8 MIG-21'S).
FORCE ENGAGED BY IAF AT APPROX 1400Z WITH ALL 8 MIGS
SHOT DOWN AS WELL AS 3 SU-7'S.
10. (SNFD) REUTER REPORTED THAT EAF THIS AFTERNOON
LOADED BOMBS ON L-29 MAYA (DELFIN) TRAINER A/C AND

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COMMITTED THEM TO BATTLE, WITH APPARENTLY INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS. REUTER DID NOT CLAIM THAT SHORTAGE OF 1ST LINE A/C FORCED THIS DECISION, HE DID SUGGEST THAT HEAVY LOSSES MAY HAVE DISRUPTED MORALE OF MIG-21 AND SU-7 UNITS SO BADLY THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY TO USE DIFFERENT PILOTS. HE FURTHER STATED THAT AT LEAST TWO EAF SQDNS (1 MIG-17 AND 1 MIG-21) HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM SOUTHERN BASES TO NORTHERN BASES, AGAIN PRESUMBABLY TO THROW NEW GROUP OF PILOTS INTO BATTLE.
11. (SNFO) IDF STILL OBSESSED WITH TU-16 AND SUSPECTED MYSTERIOUS ANTI-RADIATION MISSILE. REUTER CLAIMS 2 BADGERS FIRED 4 MISSILES FROM EGYPTIAN AIRSPACE AT MITZPE RAMON RADAR (3036N/3448E). AFTER MISSILES LAUNCHED, IDF SHUT RADAR OFF. NO IDEA WHERE MISSILES IMPACTED.
12. (SNFO) UPDATED SOV AIRLIFT FIGURES FOR 20 OCT SHOW THESE NEW TOTALS.
TO EGY: 32 AN-12 AND 3 AN-22
TO SYR: 19 AN-12 AND POSSIBLY 1 AN-22
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